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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
02COLOMBO2337	2002-12-20 06:16	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Colombo

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"C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 COLOMBO 002337 SIPDIS DEPARTMENT FOR SA, SA/INS, S/CT, EUR/NB; NSC FOR E. MILLARD E.O. 12958:

DECL: 12-20-12

TAGS: PGOV PTER ECPS CE NO LTTE

SUBJECT: Import of radio equipment for Tamil Tigers sparks controversy for GSL and Norwegian facilitators Ref: Colombo 1891 (U) Classified by I

1. (C) SUMMARY: The recent import of radio equipment for the LTTE has stirred controversy, with critics asserting that the government and the Import of Radio Equipment -----

2. (SBU) The recent import of radio equipment into Sri Lanka for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has stirred controversy. The equi

3. (SBU) ((Note: It is not exactly clear what sort of radio equipment the LTTE was importing, but it is believed to have consisted of items t Controversy Erupts -----

4. (SBU) When word of the equipment import leaked out, critics pounced on the GSL and the Norwegians accusing them of going too far to please GSL, Norwegian Response -----

5. (C) In response to the flak, the government stressed that it was allowing the import of the equipment because the LTTE had agreed to accede

6. (C) For their part, the Norwegians, who have largely kept mum in public, have told us that they were only working to further the peace proc

COMMENT -----

7. (C) The incident has left a bad taste in everyone's mouth. The Norwegians, who have come under so much criticism from anti-peace process el

8. (U) Minimize considered.
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